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SUBJECT: DELAY IN PROPOSED WISCHNEWSKI TRIP TO US

1. IN COURSE OF NOVEMBER 14 CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR, SPD FOREIGN POLICY EXPERT HANS JUERGEN WISCHNEWSKI MENTIONED THAT HE HAD INTENDED TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON ON NOVEMBER 17 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH VARIOUS CONTACTS IN CONGRESS AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT. HOWEVER, HAVING JUST HEARD FROM AMBASSADOR VON STADEN THAT BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS WOULD BE IN RECESS DURING THE WHOLE OF THANKSGIVING WEEK, HE HAD DECIDED TO POSTPONE THE TRIP. HE INTENDED TO ASK THE FRG EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO ARRANGE ANOTHER DATE.

2. BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, WISCHNEWSKI SAID BOTH BRANDT AND WEHNER WANTED HIM, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SPD'S FOREIGN POLICY COMMITTEE, TO INTENSIFY CONTACTS WITH THE US. WEHNER APPARENTLY HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THESE CONTACTS HAD BEEN BETTER WHEN THEY WERE BEING HANDLED BY HANS APEL (FORMERLY SPD WHIP AND NOW PARLIAMENTARY STATE SECRETARY IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE). OBVIOUSLY, WISCHNEWSKI SAID, THE DIFFERENCES THAT HAD ARISEN BETWEEN THE US AND FRG AS A RESULT OF THE MID-EAST WAR CONSTITUTED ONE REASON WHY WEHNER WAS TAKING A RENEWED INTEREST IN SPD OVERTURES TO THE US AT THIS TIME.

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3. WISCHNEWSKI MENTIONED THAT TWO COLLEAGUES HE WOULD PROBABLY TAKE WITH HIM WHEN HE GOES TO THE US ARE ALFONS PAWELCZYK, SPD BUNDESTAG MEMBER, AND HANS EBERHARD DINGELS, DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT IN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SPD. HILLENBRAND

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